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Application of :  
Kenji KATO et al. :  
Serial No. 09/582,903 : Group Art Unit: 2627  
Filed: August 11, 2000 : Examiner: Tan X. Dinh  
For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD :  
HAVING TAPERED HOLE FOR :  
GUIDING LIGHT BEAM : Docket No. S004-4034 (PCT)  
(As amended)

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
UNDER RULE 116**

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In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2007, applicants amend their application as follows:

**ADDITIONAL FEES:**

No additional fees are believed required in connection with this amendment; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

**MAILING CERTIFICATE ON PAGE 16**